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Mr. Paul Bradford, Supervisor,
Kootenai National Forest
1101 U.S. Highway 2 West
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Re: CEQ # 20120050; EPA Comments on Grizzly Vegetation
and Transportation Management Project FSEIS and ROD

Dear Mr. Bradford:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VIII Montana Office has reviewed the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and Record of Decision for the Grizzly Vegetation and Transportation Management Project in accordance with our responsibilities under the Section 102(2)(C) of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The EPA appreciates receipt of the latest FSEIS and ROD including updated information and analyses regarding potential impacts to the threatened grizzly bear from proposed vegetation management and road management actions. The Kootenai National Forest continues to identify Alternative 2A as the preferred alternative in these latest NEPA documents. The EPA commented on the prior FEIS and ROD on June 2, 2009, and we have no additional substantive comments to offer in regard to the latest information and analyses.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment during the EIS process. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Steve Potts of my staff in Helena at 406-457-5022 or in Missoula at 406-329-3313 or via e-mail at potts.stephen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie A. DalSoglio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" and last name "DalSoglio" clearly legible.

Julie A. DalSoglio
Director
Montana Office

cc: Suzanne Bohan/Judy Roos, EPA 8EPR-N, Denver
Mike Herrin, District Ranger, Troy